(iv) Railway staff are also sent visit the address given in the requisitions and reservations cancelled if particulars are found fictitious.

(v) Frequent warnings to intending passengers against unauthorised purchase/sale of tickets are issued through notices and announcements over the public address system as also on 'Doordarshan'.

(vi) With a view to discourage unsocial elements, refund rules were revised from 1-1-86. A heavy cancellation charge of 50 per cent is levied on reserved tickets if cancellation is sought two days in advance excluding the date of journey.

Maintenance of museums in the country

1824. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dr. P. PAL, an American of Indian origin, who is a senior curator at the Los Angles Museum, who was recently on a visit to this country stated that most of the museums in the country are plagued by chronic lack of funds, causing decay to several precious objects;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he has stated that various rare and priceless objects and art forms are in the danger of falling apart owing to severe atmospheric pollution and poor maintenance; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to see that our treasures of art and culture do not suffer any irreparable damage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) According to press reports, Dr. P. Pal, Senior Curator, Los Angless Museum. USA visited India sometime back and reportedly expressed his own views about museums in India which seem to be exaggerated.

(c) According to the Constitution of India 'Museums' is a state subject. However, the Central Govt. is doing its utmost within its financial constraints. Departments of Culture operates a scheme of financial assistance for reorganisation, development, preservation and conservation of their art treasure to private museums. National Museum, New Delhi and Indian Museum, Calcutta run training courses in Museology to which nominees of various museums are admitted. Similarly, the National Research Laboratory for the Conservation of Cultural Property (NRLC), Lucknow train nominees of various departments, museums libraries in conservation techniques and treatment of are objects.

Off-loading of passengers from Air India Flights

1825. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the frequent off-loading of passengers from the West-bound Air-India flights;

(b) whether security rules are being violated by alloting one or two seats of Cabin Crew to influential passengers; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent these malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Some cases of off-loading during the period July to September 1987 have been reported.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Since there is no cancellation charges on the international sector, the incidence of last minute cancellations is high. In order to meet this situation, it is an industry practice to over book flights to ensure optimum capacity utilisation. The problem arises when sometimes the cancellations/no shows do not tally with the expected number. To check this, Air-India reviews its over-booking profile periodically. Off-loaded passengers are given booking by the next available flight

and also provided with Hotel accommodation etc.

लघु-पत्तनों का विकास

1826. **श्री मोर्जा ईशाबेग :** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में लघु पत्तनों के विकास के लिए कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई है, उन पत्तनों के नाम क्या हैं जिनके लिए धन का आवंटन किया गया है और ऐसे प्रत्येक पत्तन के लिए कितनी-कितनी धनराशि का आवंटन किया गया है ; और

(ख) क्या इस संबंध में सिफारिशें/सुझाव देने के लिए किसी समिति का गठन किया गया है या किए जाने का विचार है और यदि हां, तो अब तक ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) संभवतः यह प्रश्न केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा लघुपत्तनों के विकास के लिए किए आवंटन से संबंधित है । लघु पत्तनों के विकास और प्रबंध की प्राथमिक जिम्मेदारी राज्य सरकारों की है । दो लघु पत्तनों के विकास के लिए सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में केन्द्रीय सहायता के रूप में 20.00 करोड़ रुपए का प्रावधान है । उक्त आवंटन में से आंध्र प्रदेश में काकीनाडा और महाराष्ट्र में रेडी पत्तनों को वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए चुना गया है । धनराशियों का आवंटन नहीं किया गया है क्योंकि इसके लिए वार्षिक योजना 1987-88 में कोई प्रावधान नहीं किया गया था ।

(ख) इस प्रयोजन के लिए 1984-85 में एक समिति गठित की गई थी किन्तु सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में मामूली आवंटन के कारण इसे समाप्त कर दिया गया था ।

Cancellation of Himsagar Express

1827. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Himsagar Express has been cancelled; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government propose to restore the Himsagar Express upto Kanya Kumari ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The train has been cancelled for lack of adequate through traffic and increase in frequency of New Delhi-Trivandrum Kerala Express to daily.

(b) No, Sir.

Indian Airlines offices in Hyderabad

1828. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what were the Indian Airlines offices or their branches obtained at Hyderabad in 1976;

(b) what are such offices or branches now obtained their; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to shift any of those offices or branches from Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given below:

Branches at Hyderabad in 1976	Branches now at Hyderabad
Engineering	Still existing
Commercial	Do.
Operations	Do.
Store & Purchases	Do.
Administration & Personnel	Do.
Finance/Audit	Do.
Central Training Establishment	Do.
Commercial Training College	Do.